

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON ICSSR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the recommendations of the review committee regarding the functioning of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR);
- (b) the current funding level of ICSSR and the difficulties and contradictions identified in the structure of the institution;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement the recommendations of the review committee on various issues like radical redesigning of ICSSR to restore its credibility, governance and management structure, change in funding avenues including private funding etc. as reported in the Hindu dated September 30, 2007;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e) The recommendations of the 4th Review Committee on re-structuring Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) inter alia suggest substantial increase in funding to support research on contemporary social and development issues in the country; major reorientation in programme priorities and funding strategies to ensure better balancing between different activities; stricter mechanisms and procedure to ensure accountability for superior professional quality of projects and their outputs; and restructuring the Council to make it an autonomous and professionally managed statutory body.

The current funding level for the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) during last five years is as follows:

Amount (Rs. in crores)		
Plan	Non-Plan	
2003-04	17.30	24.00
2004-05	15.75	23.70
2005-06	17.80	24.00
2006-07	18.55	24.00
2007-08	19.98	24.00

There is no decision on the implementation of these recommendations.